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SUBJECT: SPAULIL SNCK SPECULATION REGARDING CONGRESSIONAL REPORT ON
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND OBJECTIVES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

1. TODAY'S MADRID PRESS BRINGS THE LATEST OF SEVERAL INTER-
PRETIVE STORIES SPECULATING ABOUT THE REPORT "UNITED STATES
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND OBJECTIVES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN,"
PREPARED BY THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FOR THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE
ON EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS LATEST REPORT BY "ARRIVA"
AND PYRESA WIRE SERVICE CORRESPONDENT ANTONIO PARRA FROM NEW
YORK SUGGESTS THAT CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN IN WASHINGTON
TO CLOSING ALL MAJOR US MILITARY FACILITIES IN SPAIN WITH THE
EXCEPTION OF ROTA, THAT THE PROCESS MAY ALREADY HAVE BEGUN,
AND THAT THE FUTURE OF ROTA MAY FIGURE PROMINENTLY IN THE COMING
DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SUAREZ. THE AFTERNOON
DAILY "PUEBLO" CARRIES PART OF THIS SAME REPORT UNDER A BOLD
HEADLINE: "THE YANKEES ARE LEAVING."

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2. THIS REPORT, LIKE A FEW EARLIER ONES, SEEMS LARGELY TO RESIDE
IN THE MIND OF THE REPORTER. HOWEVER, IN AN EFFORT TO CUT OFF FURTHER
SUCH SPECULATION HERE IN MADRID, THE EMBASSY IS RESPONDING TO
QUERIES ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: WITH RESPECT TO THE STORY IN
THE APR 19 EDITION OF "ARRIBA," SUGGESTING THE POSSIBILITY OF
EARLY CLOSING OF US MILITARY FACILITIES AT SPANISH BASES, THE

CONGRESSIONAL REPORT REFERRED TO IN THIS ACCOUNT IS ONE ENTITLED, "UNITED STATES MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND OBJECTIVES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN" DATED MARCH 27, 1977, WHICH WAS PREPARED BY THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENSE DIVISION OF THE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FOR THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON EUROPE AND THE MIDDLE EAST OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. IT IS EXPRESSLY STATED IN THE FOREWORD OF THIS REPORT THAT THE FINDINGS ARE THOSE OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL DEFENSE DIVISION AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. MOREOVER, THERE IS NOTHING IN THIS REPORT WHICH RECOMMENDS OR SUGGESTS CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO CLOSING US MILITARY FACILITIES IN SPAIN, WHICH ARE PROVIDED FOR UNDER THE TERMS OF THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WHICH ENTERED INTO FORCE ON SEPT 21, 1976, FOR A PERIOD OF 5 YEARS, WITH SPECIFIC PROVISION FOR EXTENSION FOR AN ADDITIONAL 5 YEAR PERIOD IF THE PARTIES SO AGREE. STABLER

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